

Melissa Weipert

From: Sapphire Sumpter <saphiresumpter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Ms./Mrs. Weipert,

Please allow me to extend my sincere gratitude to the representatives responsible; Klint Kesto, Stephanie Chang, Peter Lucido, Gary Howell, Gary Glenn, and Dave Pagel, for the introduction of House Bill 5377.

My father is Nelson Sumpter.

Having never been charged with a crime, my father has spent a decade of his life wrongfully imprisoned within the Michigan Department of Corrections.

After 10 years of enduring injustice and my father's absence, my mother, four sisters and I were finally able to count down the days until his return.

That is, until my father was denied parole not once, but twice, by members of the Michigan Parole Board.

As stated in House Bill 4138, "a prisoner with a 'high probability of parole' score will not be a menace to society and will be released upon serving the minimum sentence."

My father maintains high probability of parole, behaves as a model inmate, and has completed all programs and classes. My father is amicable, compassionate, and jovial. He is nonviolent, yet witnesses the freeing of violent offenders every day.

Because my father asserts his innocence and his unlawful imprisonment, he has been denied parole due to 'lack of insight' and 'a risk to public safety', without substantiation of either.

An inmate should be able to contend his or her innocence and unjust or unlawful treatment, without reprisal from the Michigan Parole Board.

The modifications introduced in House Bill 5377 would hold parole board members accountable for granting release to prisoners who are well deserving of such.

The passing of House Bill 5377 is of immense importance, not just to my family, but to all individuals incarcerated who are left at the mercy of the Michigan Parole Board.

Graciously and with respect, my family and I firmly urge the passing of House Bill 5377.

Many thanks,

Sapphire Sumpter

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From: Satoria Sumpter <satoriasumpter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:23 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
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Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Satoria Sumpter, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: angelawsumpter <angelawsumpter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Angela Williams Sumpter, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: Samiyah S <ssumpter95@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Samiyah Sumpter, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: Sierra S <sierrasumpter@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Sierra Sumpter, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: Shawn Thomas <spthomas777@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 5:11 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Shawn Thomas, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: Serenity Sumpter <sarenitys@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Serenity Sumpter, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines.

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From: j g <jdgordon556@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Bill 5377

Dear Committee/Committee Clerk,

In support of Saphire Sumpter's written testimony, I, Joshua Gordon, respectfully urge the passing of House Bill 5377 and the modification of parole guidelines